

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

May 2013 – Week 1

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TITLE: TWISTER DAY

MAY 1930 AND TORNADO DAY DAWNS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 6, 1930. FROST. AFTER A WEEK OF RAIN, THE SKY STARTS TO TURN BLACK. AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE, TEACHERS RUSH THE CHILDREN OUTSIDE TO LAY IN THE COTTON FIELDS. SOON A HUGE TWISTER DESTROYS THE SCHOOL AND MOST OF THE TOWN. ONLY THE JAIL SURVIVES.

EARLIER THAT MORNING OTHER TORNADOES HIT AUSTIN, SPUR AND ABILENE.

MORE TWISTER HIT SOUTH OF SAN ANTONIO, BLASTING THROUGH KENEDY, RUNGE AND NORDHEIM.

YET ANOTHER TORNADO HITS THE TOWN OF BRONSON NEAR BEAUMONT.

TWISTERS RAGE ACROSS TEXAS FOR OVER NINE HOURS, CAUSING OVER \$2 MILLION IN DAMAGE AND LEAVING 82 DEAD. IT IS ONE OF THE WORST DAYS OF COMBINED TORNADOES IN TEXAS HISTORY.

THE DAY OF TORNADOES BLEW INTO TEXAS 83 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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